

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph no. 1 with the following amended paragraph:

This is a continuation of Application No. 08/981,011 filed December 24, 1997, which is a
Continuation-371 Application of PCT Application No. PCT/JP96/01788 filed June 27, 1996, now
U.S. Patent 6,365,299; the above noted prior applications are all hereby incorporated by
reference.